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August 1778 to May 1780.

(Continued from the April Number)

Silver Bluff. April 28th. 1779.

28: Parole. Thornhill. C: S: Tremble. Traytor.

F: O: for the Day tomorrow. Major Armstrong

B: M. Cap^t. Raiford

28: The Gen^l. Court Martial of which Major Horry is president have reported John Anderson, a private of the first S^o. Carolina Regiment charged with deserting his Command at Purisburgh & attempting to go to the Enemy—found guilty & Sentenced to be Shot to Death. The General approves the Sentence & directs the Execution to be on Friday next in the Morning at 10 oClock.

William Caldwell a follower of the Camp charged with abusing the Waggon Master—acquitted.

Cap^t. Taylor of the N^o. Carolina Brigade arrested for Drunkenness & abusive Language to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment—acquitted of the former & found Guilty of the latter, but having already suffered by being a considerable time in arrest, the Court (thinking his punishment has been adequate to the Crime) recommend that he be relieved from the Arrest.

The Gen^l. approves the Sentence & orders Cap^t. Taylor to return to his Duty.

Rowland Williams, a private of the first S^o. Carolina reg^t. charged with Desertion, acquitted.

George Thompson charged with Desertion,—acquitted.

John Mars of the 2^d. S^o Carolina reg^t. charged with Desertion, found Guilty & Sentenced to be Shot to Death. The General approves the Sentence & directs the Execution to be on Friday next in the Morning at 10 oClock.

William Davis of the Sixth S°. Carolina Reg^t. charged with Desertion & Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes on his bare back with Switches.

The General approves the Sentence & directs it to be put in Execution tomorrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

Benjamin Barker of the 5th S° Carolina regiment, charged with Desertion, found guilty & sentenced to receive One hundred Lashes on the bare back with Switches. The Gen^l. approves the Sentence & directs it to be put in Execution to morrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

John Quandrean of the first S°. Carolina reg^t. found guilty & Sentenced to receive One hundred Lashes on his bare back with Switches—The Gen. approves the Sentence & directs it to be put in Execution tomorrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

Major Gresham private of the 4th N. Carolina reg^t. charged with Desertion, found guilty & sentenced to receive 100 lashes on his bare back with Switches. The General approves the Sentence & directs it to be put in Execution tomorrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

The Court is dissolved.

The Drums are to beat as usual.

29th. Parole. Virtue. C: S: Vining. Vose.

F: O. for the Day tomorrow, Major Eaton

B: M: Lieut^t. Hamilton.

Mr. Waties is appointed a Confidential Officer attendant on Gen^l. Huger. all Orders from the Gen^l. conveyed through him are to be obeyed & he respected accordingly.

A: O:

One Cap^t. 2 Sub^s. 2. Serj^{ts}. & 50 Rank & File from the S°. Carolina Brigade, 1. Capt. 2. Sub^s. 2. Serj^{ts}. & 50 Rank & File from the N. Carolina Brigade for fatigue tomorrow to be paraded at Head Quarters at Sunrise, with their Arms Baggage & two Days provisions cooked. The Q. M. Gen^l. will supply the party with a Waggon to carry the Tools Baggage & two Days forage for the Horses.

April 30, 1779 Silver Bluff.

30. Parole.

C: S.

F: O: for the day tomorrow Major Pinckney

B: M. Cap^t. Raiford.

The Field Officer for the day is to direct all Executions

Extract from Gen^l. Orders given at Head Quarters of the Grand Army March 11th. 1779.

That the returns of the Army may be similar in every respect, & regularly transmitted—The Commander in Chief directs the following regulations:

1st. In the Column under *Officers present fit for Duty* are to be included all such as are fit to go into Action, on Guards Detachments & c^a. & c^a.

2^a. The Officers & Non Commissioned Officers, sick present, sick absent, On furlough, recruiting, Vacancies, On Command, in arrest, on the Staff, prisoners of War &c^a. &c^a. &c^a. are to be inserted in the proper Columns under the Body of the Brigade returns numerically, but in the regimental returns the absent Officers Names are to be inserted with the places where, & reasons for, & time of Absence; the Sick present & Vacancies to be noted Numerically on the proper Lines in such manner in both returns that the sick & absent officers together with the Vacancies added to the present fit for Duty will exactly amount to the Establishment.

3^a. Under rank & file in the first Column are to be inserted all Men fit for duty in which Number are to be included all Officers, Waiters belonging to the Army who are ever to go on Duty with their Masters—making part of the Detail, all Soldiers employed with their Corps as Artificers or Tradesmen, all Guards in Camp or its Vicinity within alarming Distances, in a word, all the rank & File capable of doing any kind of Duty within the aforesaid Limits are to be included.

4th. In the Second the Sick in Camp, judged so by their regimental Surgeons or so near Camps as to be attended by them.

5th. The third to contain all sick absent in Hosp^l. or else where to far distant from Camp to be attended by their regimental Surgeons; and underneath are to be particularly noted the Hospitals or places at which they are sick.

6th. The fourth to include all such as are on Detachment or on Command too far distant from their respective

regiments to join in case of an Alarm, and underneath the places where & kind of Duty they are upon to be exactly noted.

7th. In the fifth to be included such as are furloughed by Officers properly authorized.

8th. And the Sixth to contain the totals of the Effectives, Rank & File.

9th. Underneath *wanting to compleat*, are to be inserted the Number of Serjeants, Drummers, & Fifers, & rank & File deficient of the Establishment.

10th. Under *Alterations since the last* are to be inserted such Casualties as have happened since last Return, a Discrimination to be noted underneath such as have been discharged by the Muster Masters or for bodily inability, and those whose terms of Service have expired

11th. Besides the weekly Alterations in the Monthly return, all the Alterations in the Rank & File in the Month past are to be inserted regimentally, and the whole return compar'd with the one immediately preceeding it, with which it must be made to correspond, so that if it exceeds or falls short of the preceeding, the Augmentation or Deficiency of Officers or Soldiers be accurately accounted for in the proper Casualties.

12th. On the back of each regimental & Brigade Return are to be inserted upon honor, the Number of Officers, Non Commissioned Officers & rank & file fit for Action, none are to be excluded who are returned fit for Duty but Waggoners, and such as are destitute of Arms or Cloathing, who are to be inserted in separate Columns Viz^t. *Waggoners — Wanting Cloaths — Wanting Arms —* The Totals of which added to the fit for Action, will amount to the present fit for Duty.

13th. Regimental Returns to be made out weekly signed by the Commanding Officers of Regiments, & delivered the Commanding Officers of Brigades, who are to have them digested into Brigade Returns, which after they have carefully examined & signed, they will transmit to the Adjutant General every Saturday at Orderly time. The Monthly returns to be delivered in the last Saturday of each Month successively, except of such Troops as are too far distant

from Head Quarters to have their returns forwarded weekly. The Commanding Officers of such Troops are to have their Returns made out & transmitted to the Adjutant Gen^l. the last Saturday save one, of each Month successively. These returns are by no means to be made known to any persons whatever except such as are immediately concerned in making & signing them, nor to be forwarded by any others except under a Sealed Cover. That the returns of an Army should be kept a profound secret, is a matter of the highest Importance & consequently should be conveyed by very trusty persons, by none under the Rank of a Commissioned Officer if possible.

14th. The Officers Commanding regiments are to keep Books in which they are to have every return they make regularly recorded; also the Regimental Casualties, viz^t. the Dates of Deaths, Discharges, Desertions, Furloughs &c. &c. that happen in a regiment.— The Commanding Officers of Brigades are also to have their Brigade returns recorded in Books kept for that purpose as also the General, Division & Brigade Orders, together with Brigade Casualties; these Books to be constantly kept in the Reg^{ts}. or Brigades, & in Case a Brigade or regiment should be reduced, said Books to be deposited in the Orderly Office.

15th. Morning Reports of Companies are to be made every day signed by the eldest Officer of each present, to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment immediately after Roll Call in the Morning, which every Monday & Thursday are to be digested into Field Returns and to be delivered to the Officer Commanding the Brigade.

16th. With the Monthly Returns are to be transmitted Returns of Cloathing, Arms, Ammunition & Accoutrements, to the Adj^t. Gen^l. All the forementioned Returns to be made according to the blank printed forms which shall be delivered them.

17th. Size Rolls also according to the printed forms to be taken of Companies which are to be constantly Rep^d. by the Commanding Officer with the Company.

Silver Bluff May 1st. 1779.

I: Parole

C: S:

F: O: for the day tomorrow Major Harleston.

B: M: Cap^t. Raiford.

Gen^l. Huger is appointed to take the Command of the Division of Continental Troops, composed of the North Carolina, S^o. Carolina & Georgia Brigades.

Col^o. Pinckney will command the S^o. Carolina Brigade. Cap^t. Ladson of the first S^o. Carolina regiment is appointed Brigade Major to Col^o. Pinckney's Brigade, & is to be respected & obeyed accordingly.—

Extract from Gen^l. Orders.

Head Quarters Middle Brook

March 12th 1779

The honble the Congress have been pleased to come to a resolution of the 2^d. Ins^t. appointing a Commissioner to settle & pay all Accounts of Arrearages of Cloathing due to the Troops of these State for the year 1777, the following parts of which are extracted for the government of all Officers concerned, and are to be carefully attended to.

The General has the most perfect reliance that all Officers will contribute to the Execution of this resolve on principles of equal justice to the public & to the Soldiers under their Com^d.

The Irregularity with which the Distributions of Cloathing have hitherto been involved, will make the utmost Circumspection necessary.

“All Officers of the Army who have received Cloathing for the Troops, either of any Continental or State Clothiers, or by purchase or Impressment, are directed to render the Commissioner Aforesaid a Return of the same, & accounts with him for their due application—

That the Commander in Chief, and Officers Commanding any separate Posts, do forthwith cause the Captains & Officers Com^d. Companies in the Troops under their immediate command, to make out the Accounts of their respective Companies, specifying the Names of the Claimants still in the Service, where they are, what they have received, & what is still due, these points, in cases of Doubt to be ascertained by a particular Enquiry of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers & privates of each Company. The Accounts thus formed & ascertained shall be delivered the

regimental Pay Master, who shall draw them into a general one & settle the same with the Commissioner aforesaid; and the Comm^r. shall certify the sums due on such Accounts, & to whom; Whereupon Warrants shall issue for Payment in like manner as for Monthly pay of the Troops.

That the same Regimental Pay Masters pay the Arrearages aforesaid to the Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers themselves, or their representatives, to whom they are due, & account with the Commissioners aforesaid for the Monies they received for that use, producing the Receipts of the Non Commissioned Officers & soldiers or their representatives as Vouchers.

And if upon such accounting their shall appear to be monies in the Pay Master's Hands, received for the Non Com^d. Off^r. & Soldiers who afterwards died or deserted, The said Commissioner shall certify the same to the paymaster Gen^l. or his Deputy at the post where the regiment of such paymaster is stationed, to whom he shall pay over, all such monies remaining in his hands.

That all non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers [are] intitled to the Continental Bounty of Cloathing who served in the year 1777. but are not now in the Service & their representatives in case of Death shall also receive the Arrearages due for such Cloathing, provided that they produce or transmit to the Commissioner aforesaid Accounts thereof properly authenticated by the Certificates of the Officers under whom they immediately served, or other sufficient Evidence; & the said Commissioner being satisfied therewith, shall certify the Sums due or those Accounts Whereupon warrants shall issue as aforesaid for Payment.

That as in the Course of this Enquiry it may appear that the Cloathing issued to divers Non Com^d. Officers & Soldiers for the year 1777. exceeds the Bounty allowed by Congress, the regimental pay masters shall enter the names of such in two separate Rolls for the Inspection of the Commissioners afresaid, who shall transmit one of them to the Paymaster Gen^l. or his Deputy, at the Posts—where the regiments may happen to be, & the other to the Com^r. Officers of the regiments to which such Non Com^d. Officers & Soldiers belong, who shall thereupon be put under stop-

pages, by Order of such Com^{rs}. Officers to the amount of the Surplusages of the allowed Bounty; for which the Regimental Paymasters shall account with the paymaster Gen^l. or his Deputy aforesaid upon every application for the regimental Monthly Pay."

Silver Bluff 2^d. May 1779

Parole.

C. S.

F. O. for the Day tomorrow, Lt. Col. Mayson.

B. M. Cap^t. Ladson.

F. O. for to day (vice Major Harleston) Col^o. Armstrong.

For Command immediately L^t. Col^o. Armstrong & Major Harleston, vide Detail. The Command to be supplied with one day's provisions.

Extract from Gen^l. Orders.

Head Quarters Middlebrook

20th Mar. 1779.

The following Extract of a resolve of Congress is to be strictly observed in future, by all officers of the Line & Staff—

In Congress March 5th 1779

Whereas it will be necessary that in future Certificates be more formally authenticated, to prevent many Inconveniences that may arise similar to those already experienced— Resolved, that certificates hereafter given by Commissioned Officers for Articles received for the use of the Army, be signed with their names at full length & the Rank they hold, & if under a Gen^l. Officer that the regiment to which they belong be added.

That the particular Articles received be inserted in the Body of the Certificate, their Values, the time when, and the place where received in Letters, not in figures.

That the Certificates be directed to the principal of the Department whose Duty it is to provide the Articles so received, or his nearest Deputy; separate Certificates to be given, whenever the Articles appertain to different Departments.

That Officers keep exact Copies of the Certificates they give, & transmit other Copies to the nearest Deputy or

Agent in the Department, giving him the necessary Information respecting the Business.

That the Deputies transmit Copies of all the Certificates they pay, to the Principals, that Enquiry may be made, whether the giving the Certificates was necessary for the Public Service, and whether the things received have been properly applied.

Head Quarters, Camp Middle Brook

24th March 1779

The honourable the Continental Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolution—

March 15th 1779

Resolved that all Warrant Officers on the Civil Staff of the Army be put on the same footing with Commissioned Officers in respect to Arrests, Trials and punishments.

A: O:

The Army is to march tomorrow Morning at Six oClock; the reveillee will beat at four & the Assembly at half-past five, at which time the Tents will be struck & the necessary Baggage put into the Waggon. Each regiment will leave a sufficient Guard for the protection of that part of the Baggage which will be left behind. The Soldiers are to carry their Blankets & Knapsacks.

The Flying Hospitals will remain on the ground.

The Army Marches by the Right

Jarratts Ferry 6th May 1779

6: Parole Danbury; C. S. Dart. Death.

F: O. for the day tomorrow. Major Wise.

B: M. Cap^t. Ladson

7: Parole Worcester; C. S. Ward. Watch.

F: O: for the day tomorrow Major Armstrong.

B: M. Cap^t. Rayford

8: Parole. Effingham. C. S. Elbert: Eaton.

F: O: for the Day tomorrow—Major Eaton.

B: M. Cap^t. Lowry.

(To be continued.)